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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: SECTRANS PRESS

CONFERENCE

1. FYI, SECRETARY ADAMS HELD PRESS CONFERENCE THIS NOON AT EMBASSY. ANNOUNCED SUBJECT WAS IMCO AND "POSSIBLY OTHER SUBJECTS OF INTEREST". ABOUT 2/3RDS WAS IN FACT CONCORDE AND BERMUDA AGREEMENT. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF THE SECRETARY'S KEY STATEMENTS REGARDING CIVAIR ISSUES.

2. BECAUSE OF SYMPATHY FOR POLITICAL PROBLEM UKG WOULD HAVE IN SIGNING NEW BERMUDA IN JUNE WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF UNFAVORABLE FEDERAL DECISION ON CONCORDE OPS AT DULLES IN SEPT, US HAS SUGGESTED THAT, IF WE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT BY 22 JUNE, SUCH AGREEMENT BE INITIALED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THEN LET FORMAL APPROVAL OR SIGNING STEPS AWAIT USG RESOLUTION OF SST REGULATIONS. IF UKG WERE TO OBJECT TO USG CONCORDE DECISION, THEN UK COULD WITHDRAW ITS INITIALS ON NEW BERMUDA.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGREEMENT MUST BE DONE BY 22 JUNE (IN CONTEXT OF FIRM UNDERSTANDING AS TO CONTEXT;

FINAL, LEGAL LANGUAGE NOT REQUIRED). THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR CESSATION OF SERVICE IF NEW AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED.

4. N.B, WE ANTICIPATE IF WE DO NOT HAVE AN INDICATION OF AGREEMENT FORTHCOMING BY 2 JUNE, "THEN THE WHOLE THING MAY CEASE AT THAT POINT".

5. IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT, "I THINK IT (CESSATION) IS GOING TO HAPPEN". "I HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT CESSATION IS A VERY REALISTIC POSSIBILITY". PARTIES SHOULD BE ON NOTICE THAT AIR SERVICES "WILL NOT LIMP ALONG" IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT.

6. BOTH US, UK MAKING CONTINGENCY PLANS. US PLANS INVOLVE NETHERLANDS, FRG, FRANCE; UK PLANS INVOLVE CANADA.

7. US HAS MADE MAJOR CONCESSIONS ON PROBLEMS OF CAPACITY, ROUTES, DESIGNATION. US HAS MET ORIGINAL UK CAPACITY OBJECTIVES. "WE CANNOT GO MUCH FURTHER". US WILL NOT GIVE ANOTHER GOVERNMENT VETO RIGHTS OVER US CARRIER CAPACITY.

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